

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims, including the amendments indicated below, replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim [[1]] 16 wherein the utility portion comprises a plurality of wires.
3. (Currently Amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim [[1]] 16 wherein the utility portion comprises a generally planar loop and a coil of wire extending around the loop.
4. (Previously Presented) A culinary whisk according to Claim 3 wherein the coil of wire is loosely wound around the loop to allow limited movement of the coil on the loop.
- 5-6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim [[6]] 17, wherein the legs comprise bent over end regions bent around the crosspiece to provide a pivoting connection thereto.
8. (Previously Presented) A culinary whisk according to Claim 7 further comprising lugs on the crosspiece configured to prevent lateral movement of the loop relative to the legs.
9. (Previously Presented) A culinary whisk according to Claim 3 wherein the loop includes at least one pointed region.
10. (Currently amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim 3 wherein the loop is [[of]] heart ~~shape~~ shaped.

11. (Previously Presented) A culinary whisk according to Claim 3 wherein the wire is of oval shape.

12. (Previously Presented) A culinary whisk according to Claim 3 wherein the loop is of triangular shape.

13. (Currently Amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim 3 wherein the loop is formed of wire having a greater diameter than that of ~~[[and]] the coil of wire is of a relatively finer wire than the loop.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ wherein the crosspiece defines a pivot axis about which the utility portion pivots.

15. (Currently Amended) A culinary whisk according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16 wherein the pivotal connection is made at the crosspiece.

16. (New) A culinary whisk comprising:
an elongated handle;
a generally planar utility portion at one end of the handle configured and constructed to aerate a foodstuff; and
a crosspiece extending generally transversely relative to the handle,
wherein the cross piece is connected to both the utility portion and the handle in such a manner that the utility portion and the handle are pivotally movable relative to each other.

17. (New) A culinary whisk according to Claim 16 wherein the one end of the handle includes a pair of legs which are connected to the crosspiece.

18. (New) A culinary whisk according to Claim 16 wherein the one end of the handle is pivotally connected to the crosspiece.

19. (New) A culinary whisk according to Claim 18 further comprising members on the crosspiece configured to substantially prevent lateral movement of the handle relative to the crosspiece.